

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1430

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members and coaches of the Bearden High School girls' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division I, Class 4A state championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary group of young athletes is the Bearden High School girls' basketball team, whose members have all proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and truly worthy of admiration by winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I, Class 4A state championship; and

WHEREAS, capturing the program's first state title in their first ever championship appearance, Bearden High School soundly defeated arch-rival Farragut High School by a score of 52-34 in the championship game held in the Murphy Center on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, emerging victorious from the first state championship game featuring two teams from Knox County, the Bearden Lady Bulldogs finished the season with a record of 36-3, having won all five games against Farragut; and

WHEREAS, the members of this state champion squad are Lauren Spainhower, Hannah Claire Stephens, Kendall Anne Murphy, Bailey Burgess, Brinley Murphy, Lindsay Wilson, Maddie Brillhart, Jennifer Sullivan, Emily Gonzalez, Avery Treadwell, Amanda Parker, and Lainey Cox; and

WHEREAS, Bearden's superb victory may not have been possible without the stellar leadership of their head coach, Justin Underwood, and assistant coaches, Cozette Gaspard, Josh Suttles, and Stephanie Torrence, and the support of bookkeeper Beth Underwood; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Bearden High School girls' basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Bearden High School girls' basketball team on their championship season; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members and coaches of the Bearden High School girls' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division I, Class 4A state championship and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.